

PART JJJJ

Agency Liquor Store Placement by Population

Sec. JJJJ-1. **28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. SS, §1 and affected by §8, is amended to read:

2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores. Beginning July 1, 2009, the bureau may license up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000; up to 5 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001; and up to 3 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001. In addition, the bureau may establish one agency liquor store in a municipality where the population is less than 2,000. The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store location.

Nothing in this subsection may be construed to reduce the number of agency stores the bureau may license in a municipality as of June 30, 2009.

Sec. JJJJ-2. **28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

2-C. Licenses issued on or after July 1, 2009. Beginning July 1, 2009, the bureau shall consider whether the applicant can satisfy the following criteria when determining whether to issue an agency liquor store license under this section:

- A. The applicant has held a license to sell malt liquor and wine for off-premises consumption for more than one year immediately preceding application without a violation of any provision of this Title;
- B. The applicant will be able to stock at least \$10,000 worth of spirits purchased from the State or the State's wholesale distributor upon issuance of an agency liquor store license; and
- C. The applicant can purchase the initial stock of spirits using a bank check or other financial instrument that certifies that funds are available.